

- 1 Read the posts on a forum. Match the influences in the box with the posts a–e.

childhood friends information society attitudes what you read

- 2 Choose the correct alternatives to complete the posts.



### You tell us: What makes someone care about an issue?

a

If you <sup>1</sup>grow/will grow up in a family who think something is important, it's a huge influence. For example, <sup>2</sup>when/unless children spend a lot of time in nature with their parents, they're more likely to care about environmental issues as adults.

AKIO

b

<sup>3</sup>Assuming/Unless you choose stories with a range of views, reading fiction can have a real impact on what you care about. If I see a homeless person in future, I <sup>4</sup>am/will be kinder to them because of a novel I read about people who live on the streets. That book had a big impact on me.

FINN

c

Learning about a problem might help, <sup>5</sup>as soon as/unless you think about it too often. If I <sup>6</sup>hear/will hear too often about an issue like climate change, I just feel overwhelmed.

JACK

d

If your friends <sup>7</sup>care/will care deeply about a certain issue, they'll likely influence you to care about it too. It's a social thing. I <sup>8</sup>go/'ll be going to a gender equality march this weekend, provided that my friends come with me!

PETRA

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<sup>9</sup>As soon as/As long as enough people in society care about something, many other people will immediately make changes to belong to the majority. For instance, if I <sup>10</sup>carry/will carry a plastic bag now, I feel embarrassed because they're not acceptable here anymore.

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